



# JUVENILE JUSTICE CIRCUIT ADVISORY BOARD

## JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 11 JUVENILE JUSTICE CIRCUIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.

**Meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m.**

### **Board Members in Attendance**

Rick Beasley, Career Source South Florida, Workforce Organization  
Heather Winters, Division Director, Jewish Services Community  
Stephanie Daniels, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Police Department– Police Designee  
Gilda Ferradaz, Department of Children and Families  
Orlando Prescott, Administrative Judge, Juvenile Div. - Chief Judge Designee  
Todd Bass, Chief Juvenile Division - State Attorney's Designee (Via Telephone)  
Minister George E. Ellis, Miami's River of Life, Faith Community Representative  
Steve Hope, Miami Bridge – Community Member  
Dorian Mathis, Assistant Division Chief, Clerk of Courts

### **Absent Board Members**

Dr. Etiony Aldarondo, Executive Director, The Melissa Institute  
Gus Macias, Bankers Lender Services  
Marjorie Alexis, Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender – Public Defender Designee  
Cathy Burgos, Juvenile Services Department – JSD Director's Designee  
Dennis M. Jackson II, Assistant Chief, Miami Police Department - Chief of Police Designee  
Gus Barreiro, The Children's Trust  
Gale Nelson, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), Community Leader  
Chief Ian Moffett, Miami-Dade Schools Police – School Superintendent Designee

### **DJJ Staff In Attendance**

Frank Manning, Chief Probation Officer – Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)  
Conchita Gillum, Assistant Chief Probation Officer - DJJ (C11)  
Maria Gilhooley, Reform Specialist - DJJ (C11)  
Randi Taylor, DAI Coordinator - DJJ (C11)  
Ira Thomas, Operations Analyst II - DJJ (C11)

### **Guest In Attendance**

Latawun Bess, Care, Custody, & Diversion Manager, JSD  
Aimee Mir Ariola – Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) (Via Telephone)  
Alicia Nelson, Commander, Miami-Dade Public School Police Department

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Dorian Mathis conduct the opening prayer. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Stephanie Daniels. A quorum was established. Introductions was conducted by guests. A request was made by Mr. Rick Beasley to approve the November CAB meeting minutes by the board members. Motion moved by Gilda Ferradaz and seconded by Judge Orlando Prescott. All in favor with no discussion. November CAB meeting minutes was approved.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Beasley advised that DJJ is conducted workshops statewide regarding the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI). The purpose of the DRAI is to determine the most appropriate placement for youth upon arrest. Mr. Frank Manning advised that the changes are to go into effect on July 1, 2019, subjected to training by DJJ. Mr. Manning further advised that the ultimate goal of the DRAI is to reduce youth placed in detention and compel DJJ to upgrade community supervision. Home detention and electronic monitoring will be defined. There's a grant to allow local law enforcement to provide supervision.

Mr. Beasley advised that the Children RFP is in the process of being released; there's a number of individuals who are being selected to be evaluators. Mr. Beasley spoke about Bridging the GAAP, which stands for Gaining Appreciation by Justice Prospective. Mr. Manning spoke about DJJ is in the process of hiring Prevention Specialist; interviews was recently held and recommendations has been made. The Prevention Specialist roles have changed, we will have to ascertain their new roles. However, their main role should include overseeing the grant funding programs, to include; monitoring, and support services.

Mr. Todd Bass, provided an update on the residential reentry program. Mr. Bass advised that currently they do not have an existing facility. They are attempting to locate funding for a facility and to identify what the operational cost will be for the program. Mr. Manning advised that a lot of discussion need to be made regarding this proposed program, because this is currently not being done by DJJ. It was suggested that we study the program more, what are the operational cost? Are there other resources we can level? What are the potential needs? And get response from DDJ headquarters, and look at the data, etc.

Mr. Manning suggested that the CAB members have DDJ present locally the process of their Community Reentry Team, to include; (1) how DJJ staff juveniles who are returning to the community, (2) what resources are established, and (3) what planning is facilitated for the juveniles regarding substance abuse and mental health services. Mr. Manning, advised that he will arraigned an overview presentation for the CAB members in the future.

Mr. Beasley spoke briefly about the DRAI and the future training. Mr. Beasley advising that there are future training that will be conducted over the computer. A package was disseminated to all members advising of the future DRAI training. The enhance services will go into effect in July 2019.

Mr. Beasley advised that C11 was highlighted in the CAB Alert; specially highlighted Ms. Marie work. Mr. Beasley advised that he will continue to keep the CAB updated on what's in the Alert.

Mr. Hope seek to ascertain if the CAB has set any specific outcomes in terms of what the committee hope to achieve within the calendar or fiscal year for the CAB? He advised that this will allow the CAB to move in a certain direction and help when the CAB completes its annual report. Mr. Beasley advised that the CAB will be directed toward policy. He also requested any suggestions that can be developed for the CAB's annual report.

### **DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT/RACIAL ETHNIC DISPARITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Steve Hope advised that Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act was notarized for another five years. There was some slight changes as it relates to the DMC expectations. Mr. Manning advised that DJJ has a RED plan that can be shared with the CAB members and Mr. Hope; which shows the focus/goals.

Mr. Hope provided an update on the Reauthorization Act regarding the DMC; advising that the revised act requires the state implement policy, practice, and system improvement which identifies and reduce racial and ethnic disparity. He noted one of the key points listed in the revised act is that Counties within the state cannot set particular quotes as it relates to the DMC.

Ms. Randi Taylor provided an update regarding DMC and RED collaborative, detention and admission data. She reported that In April of last year, it was realized that a hundred youth were being detained in a single quarter, within C11; which is extremely high due to failure to appear. At which time, Judge Orlando Prescott issued a memorandum in May of last year. The memorandum stipulated for when judges could issue pick-up orders regarding failure to appear; to include, putting in place a 48 hours case reset for youth who did not show up for their initial court appearance after notice was given. As a result of Judge Prescott memorandum, there's nearly a 50% decrease in failure to appear; (youth coming into detention). She further advised that the disproportionality also decreased.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Minister George E. Ellis advised that State Representative James Bush will be hosting a Town hall meeting regarding the issue of DMC and Direct File on January 16, 2019, at the Cultural Arts Center in Miami. Minister Ellis advised that a statewide Faith Base community meeting is being held within the week; whereas, they will set the agenda for the upcoming year.

The CAB is still looking for a parent and youth representative for the CAB. It was suggested that we have the CAB meetings within the various communities once a quarter to attract more involvement from potential youth and parents. To be discussed at a future(s) meeting.

Ms. Aimee Mir Ariola advised that they was able to match 105 youth with incarcerated parents, as of December 31, 2018; there are on their way to meeting their next goal by March 2019.

Mr. Manning advised that the new Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Justice is Ms. Simone Marstiller; she is a formal judge and more recently oversaw the Department of Business Regulation for the State of Florida. Mr. Eli Fance is the new Superintendent of DJJ Detention.

Career Source of South Florida is sponsoring 100 youth to attend the National Flight Academy.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, March 8, 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

By-Laws Committee (Ad-Hoc) – No Report

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)/Racial Ethnic Disparity (RED) Committee – See Above

Faith Committee – No Report

Legislative Update – No Report

Grants Committee – No Report

Nominations and Membership Committee – No Report

Meeting Adjourned 9:41 a.m.